

## GRANITEVILLE

Sergt. John Murray Writes Interesting Letter After Armistice.

To his sister in Graniteville, Sergt. John Murray of the 1024 Infantry, has written the following letter, dated Nov. 17, a letter filled with interesting news of the war zone.

Sergt. Murray, after expressing hope that all of his family at home are well, adds that he hopes they are having as good a time as he is and then goes on to say: "I suppose you are wondering what I am doing when I am having such a time. Well, I may tell you that I am away from my company on leave, the first leave I have had since I left Vermont last August, or a year ago, so you see that I ought to enjoy it, and I am going to it I can."

"I got this leave under rather strange circumstances, in fact, it seems like a wonderful dream so far. I was in the front wave of assault with my platoon six hours before the armistice with the enemy was signed and my company commander told me to get six of the old men together, that the seven of us were going on leave, and to get back of the line to a certain place where I would find trucks waiting for us to carry us to our train."

"Well, sister, I thought he was mad at first and I guess he knew I did not believe him, so he showed me the order and asked if I thought he was giving me a good time, so I told him that I believed he was trying to put one over on me, but he seemed to be innocent, so I got a move on and got the men and we are all here now, having the time of our lives. What do you know about that?"

"We are in the city of Grenoble. You can look it up on the map. It is down near the Swiss border and in the French Alps. There are all kinds of mountains around the city. Before the war it used to be full of tourists. It is famous for its old university and schools and colleges. It is a wonderful place. I just love to be here. This afternoon (Sunday) I went up a pass in the mountains that looks like the Williamstown gulf, only the mountains on both sides were three times higher than the hills at the gulf, and the tops of them were covered with snow."

"Well, sister, I tell you it is wonderful to be here. In fact, I cannot believe that I am going to wake up and find that I have been dreaming and go back to the same old hell that I have been in for the last nine or ten months. Sis, I never knew what quietness was until I got here after leaving the noise of the battlefield behind me and found myself here, where you had freedom to come and go as you had a mind to. Believe me, it is wonderful, and I hope I shall never hear the uproar of the battlefield again."

"We had a tough job, sister, when we faced the enemy, but we had to finish it for our own sakes and the sake of generations to come. My only hope is that the job is finished in a way satisfactory to the people back in the states. If it is not, we shall try and do our best, as we have always done."

"Well, sis, before I go any further I am going to tell you about how I heard the good news that the Kaiser had quit and that the armistice was signed. I was in one of the famous places of France, a city that will always live in the memory of our people for the wonderful defense it put up against the enemy. I shall never forget as long as I live what I saw and heard in that place. I heard the bells and chimes on the cathedral ringing for the first time in four long years, and the music seemed to be sweeter than ever. I saw English, French, American and Italian hugging and kissing each other like a crowd of school girls. Some were singing and some were laughing and doing all kinds of stunts from pure joy and trying to express their feelings in some way. I never saw such a joyful crowd in this world as I saw that day. Believe me, I am glad I had a chance to be there at that time, a chance that I would not like to miss, and in days to come I shall feel proud of the fact that I was there."

"Well, sister, it is wonderful to know that the bloody struggle is at an end and that this old world of ours shall be able to go about its business without the fear of a war lord on its face. I hope they will give the German people, when it comes to make them pay the same dose as their enemies got on the field of battle, so they will not want another war for a few years to come."

"I was sorry to hear that so many of the people I knew up there are dying from that disease. I hope it is all gone by now and that the kids did not get it hard. I was sorry to hear that Johnnie McAnally had died of that disease. It is too bad to see a young fellow like that going in civil life."

"Well, sister, I had my picture taken to-day and will send you some as soon as they are done, if they are any good. Don't expect to see me looking as well as I did in the last ones I sent home, as I have lost heavily since then. I'll bet you weigh 15 pounds more than I do now, so you can see that this war is not much to me at present but skin and bones, but

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I consider myself mighty lucky to have that much left. There were a good many of my comrades who were not lucky enough to come out with theirs.

"I suppose you people back home expect us to be home by Christmas. I would love to be home by then, but I don't see how it can be done, so you people must not be in too great a hurry for us to get there, or you may get fooled, so don't let them do that to you."

"I shall be here seven days in all and I expect to enjoy myself as much as I can while I am here. I can never tell when I shall be able to get another chance."

## HARDWICK

What is Hardwick doing about throwing to the breeze or displaying in some public or conspicuous place a town service flag or honor roll containing the names of people who have been in the service or who have been in the service? As near as can be figured, Hardwick has entered around 125 or more men in the several branches of the service and as they begin to come home from day to day does it speak very well for Hardwick's patriotism that no such emblem is displayed anywhere and what must be the feelings of those boys when they discover that such is missing. Other towns have these flags or honor rolls why not Hardwick? Whether this should be a matter to be taken up as a town or by the citizens themselves, we do not venture to say, but that something should be done in this direction and at once goes without saying. Let's bestir ourselves and honor the homecoming boys.

Hardwick has over 40 men in France and the others scattered here and there on land and sea; a proud record. The scouts are planning to erect a flag pole on top of their headquarters building on Brush street very soon, and will have it so arranged that their flag can be raised or lowered from the ground floor, making a height of between 75 and 100 feet and will make an excellent place from which to float the Stars and Stripes to the breeze.

Sam Currier has returned from Groveton, N. H., where he has been working for some time.

D. B. Parks and wife are visiting in Woodbury this week.

At an adjourned meeting of the W. R. C. held at the Memorial building last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Gertrude Bishop was elected president; Mrs. Edith Mix, senior vice; Mrs. Lucie George, junior vice; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Hanford; conductress, Mrs. Fred Richardson; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Slapp; guard, Mrs. Henry Gray. The appointive offices are being filed and will be announced later.

The fire company was called out at 11:15 Monday evening for the first time in many weeks, the alarm box 64 near the Carr feed store on Wolcott street summoning them to that vicinity, where a stubborn chimney fire in the small house owned by F. E. Foss and occupied by W. V. Hoskins, did considerable damage; but four chemicals and a garden hose made the use of the large hose unnecessary. The night was very still, otherwise more damage would have resulted.

The Red Cross membership drive is now on and solicitors will call on every person in Hardwick during the week, and is hoped that each and every one will respond to the appeal for new members and the old ones no doubt will renew. That Hardwick will do its share in this great drive goes without saying.

William Lyons is assisting in the La Joy store during the holiday season. Bertrand Corey of the S. A. T. C. at Burlington has been visiting relatives here the past week.

L. M. Frechette is acting as book-keeper at the Johnson garage for the present.

Miss Leone Mitchell and Miss Mildred Hooker are home from the University of Vermont at Burlington for the holidays.

Miss Esther Doney was a guest of friends in Morrisville over Sunday.

The basketball season will be opened in Hardwick at the gymnasium this week Friday evening, Dec. 20, when the local academy team composed of Mitchell and Robb, forwards, Sylvester, center, and Weeks and Clark guards, will line up against a team to be called the S. A. T. C., which is really the alumni team. This team is made up of Morton Carr of the Norwich university, S. A. T. C., Clifton White and Leslie Dunne of the Middlebury college unit, Sergeant Roderick McLeod of the U. V. M. unit, and others are expected home before Friday, and this team will make the local lads hustle some to win, as all are in the best of physical condition, made so by their military training. Let us all turn out and give the boys a good send-off. The H. A. team is practically the boy scout team, and it will play this season under both heads, as the occasion requires and should make all visiting teams travel.

The continued thaw of the latter part of last week and the rain of last Saturday night caused the ice above the Shiman mill pond and the ice in the pond to go out, but it jammed up just above the Main street bridge to the height of the banks, but did no damage. Lieut. E. M. Crane started Monday evening for Florida, going to Bennington, where he joined Mrs. Crane, and they will leave soon for that state to remain during the winter.

## Ask the Boy.

Those who speak of their sons or brothers coming through the war "without a scratch" forget about the cooties. —Boston Transcript.

## MIDDLESEX

Waldo Miles Writes Home of Aeroplane Battle in France.

The following letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Miles from their son, Waldo, who is in France. It was written Nov. 12.

"I will try and write a few lines and let you know I am alive and the war is over. We got up toward the front, so as to haul a few loads of ammunition. We did not get close enough to get into the artillery positions with the munitions, but were within two and one-half miles of there. I was near three bombardments by German aeroplanes, and saw one aeroplane battle about 200 yards west of our convoy. There were about 30 or 40 planes in the engagement. It was exciting for a few minutes, as the machine guns of the machines were spluttering very fast. The anti-aircraft guns were active at spells there, when they could work without interfering with the American planes. The planes were battling away as they went over the hill and we did not hear whether they brought down any German planes or not. Often we saw other engagements in the air by allied planes. The latter mentioned were allied planes, not all American."

"I had lots of chances to collect German stuff, but it makes too much of a load to lug, as we have a very heavy equipment. I will try and get some handkerchiefs and such things for souvenirs of France for you if possible. The boys are very cheerful and it is great to hear the boys tell what they are going to do when they get back. I am feeling fine. I must say I had as narrow an escape from death as any man in the army, and I will tell you when I get home. Our captain said this morning he was in hopes to get the whole of Co. C back to the states without losing a man."

"I received your letter of Oct. 14 today. I have neglected writing as we have been very busy. In the sector where we are the Germans were running so fast that the Americans could not keep up with them. We passed over a road at 3 p. m. one day and the Germans were in the night before and the captain of the battery that was in the drive rode about 10 miles with me, as his battery had been relieved. He said the line was about 15 miles west of there at the time. I saw one dead German in the ditch beside the road and they said the woods were full of dead Germans."

The towns here are well shot up, as the Yanks were very accurate with their shelling and cleaned their prey up as fast as they went. We are in hopes to be heading for the good old U. S. A. as soon as possible. We can't tell how much longer we will be here. "I got four boxes of cigars to-day and plenty of tobacco. The Salvation Army is attached to this corps. They are doing great work for the boys. The sun is shining bright and the day is perfect. Have a box of cigars and a something good to eat. Of course a little candy on the side would be nice."

"We had a little touch of the Spanish influenza when we reached France, but that is a thing of the past here. They were moving forward so fast here that they walked away from it and it could not catch them."

Elbridge Burnham, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported improving. A domestic nurse from Plainfield is caring for him.

Harold Crane was at home over Sunday from his work in South Lunenburg.

Among those who are ill with influenza are Mrs. F. B. Miles, Lawrence Miles, Fred Fay, Ralph White and Paul Taplin.

W. H. Marshall has been unable to attend to his duties in the barber shop recently on account of illness with boils.

## EAST BETHEL

Phlander C. House Died at the Age of 94 Years.

Phlander C. House passed away Sunday evening after a short illness, at the age of 94 years. Mr. House had been a resident of this village for many years. He is survived by his wife and one son, Dr. Clifton House of Orville, Wash. The funeral was held from his home on Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

Clayton G. Wight met with a serious accident while cutting wood Monday. A log which he was sawing struck his leg, breaking it below the knee. He was taken to the Randolph sanatorium.

Mrs. Farnsworth of Braintree visited her daughter, Mrs. George Sumner, recently.

Mrs. Ellen Green of South Royalton is assisting her sister, Mrs. P. C. House.

## WAITSFIELD

Influenza Epidemic Feared and All Public Gatherings Banned till Dec. 31.

The influenza cases are so numerous and conditions so serious that the local health officer has closed the schools, churches and put the ban on all public gatherings until Dec. 31, or until conditions are such that this quarantine can, in their estimation, be removed.

Rev. W. A. Remele shot a 9½-pound fox one day last week. His new fox hound, "Koo," assisted him in the sport. Mrs. Edward Jones, Charles Fiske and Charles Jones are all sick with influenza at Edward Jones'. Charles is threatened with pneumonia.

The Christmas rehearsals are necessarily canceled.

Richard Brown is moving back on his farm.

The young people are enjoying the first skating on the cove.

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## RANDOLPH

Mrs. B. E. Nickerson and Mrs. B. C. Hall of Braintree have come here for the winter and taken rooms in the house of Mrs. Mabel Adams on the Highlands. Mrs. Hall has been in Boston for the last six weeks, taking a course in home service, and has taken the appointment for Orange county for the present. This work consists in looking after the families of the soldiers and sailors, looking after their wants and assisting them under all circumstances.

Mrs. Martin Sumner came from Braintree on Wednesday for a short visit with her father, A. H. Flint, Jr.

W. H. Crane, who has been employed in New York City for several months, has returned here, coming to remain till after the holidays.

His sister, Miss Katherine Crane, who went to New York to visit him, found him ill with an attack of influenza, from which he has not yet wholly regained his strength.

Dwight Granger, a student in a college in Boston, is passing his holiday vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Granger.

Miss Emily Stickney, a representative of the Kure Hotel homes, has been in town a few days, the guest of Mrs. Arthur Galarneau. Miss Stickney left on Wednesday but will be here again in the spring in her annual visitation, soliciting funds for the homes.

Mrs. John Jacobs came from Braintree Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Kiddle.

Mrs. Peter Labelle was called to Montpelier on Wednesday to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Rawson Myrick, whose death occurred at Heaton hospital in that city.

Mrs. Roy Bragg has received a letter from her husband, who is in a hospital in France, in which he says that he is improving slowly but cannot say when he will be home.

Mrs. J. A. Sturtevant, department president of the relief corps, came from St. Albans on Wednesday for her annual official visitation and inspection of the relief corps here.

Lewis Flint, who has been in training in Camp Devens for several months, has received his discharge and is again at his home here, where he will pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Flint, and also with Mrs. Flint's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Chedell, for a time.

The ladies of the Baptist church held their sale at the vestry on Wednesday with a good attendance. The weather was ideal, and the affair a success in every way.

Mrs. Susan Kimball, who has been ill from the effects of a shock, is improving and is regaining the use of her hand, with every indication of greater gain in the near future.

## EAST CALAIS

Community church—Special Christmas services will be held Sunday evenings, Dec. 22 and 29, at 7:30 o'clock. Next Sunday night there will be a special Christmas story, "The White Gifts for the King" service will be given Sunday, Dec. 29. All are invited.

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## TUNBRIDGE

Mrs. Caroline Grant, 87, Died Recently—One of Oldest Residents Here.

Caroline (Noyes) Grant, one of the oldest and nearly a lifelong resident here, died at her home at North Tunbridge early Thursday morning. She was born in Bethlehem, N. Y. June 17, 1831. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Justin S. Morrill Pomona grange met Saturday with the local grange. It was the biennial meeting and the following officers were elected: Master, Charles Cowen, South Royalton; overseer, Frank Folsom, Tunbridge; lecturer, A. G. Folsom; steward, Elmer Howe; assistant steward, George Dickerman, Chelsea; chaplain, Rev. J. C. Mitchell; treasurer, John Bicknell; secretary, Mrs. George W. Moody; gatekeeper, Fred Leach, East Barnard; Ceres, Mrs. Mabel Hunt, South Royalton; Pomona, Mrs. Minnie Folsom; Flora, Mrs. Ethel Howe; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Arthur Dings, South Royalton. The next regular meeting will be held with Chelsea the third Saturday in January.

Lieut. James L. Farnham Camp Sons of Veterans and auxiliary elected the following officers at their annual meeting, held Saturday evening: Camp commander, J. Clyde Farnham; senior vice, William Farnham; junior vice, E. E. Sleeper; camp council, F. N. Tuller, C. A. Tucker and William Farnham. Auxiliary, No. 10, president, Mrs. Clyde Farnham; vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Sleeper; trustees, Mrs. William Farnham, Mrs. Elmer Durkee and Mrs. E. E. Sleeper.

The entertainment given by the local Red Cross last Friday evening was a decided success. Much merriment and nearly \$14 was developed from the unique gift and redemption, many times repeated, of an antiquated sewing machine, contributed by Mrs. Carrie Wright. Charles Danforth was auctioneer, assisted by J. B. Goodrich. The net proceeds were over \$180.

Earle E. Hutchinson has purchased of Fred S. Flint of Randolph a Sophie's Tormentor bull, whose dam is Successful Queen No. 27843, the ex-champion Jersey junior four-year-old cow of the world, with a record of 16,389.3 pounds of milk and 1,003 pounds of butter. Queen made this record for C. I. Hood and then sold in his 1916 sale for \$1,650.

## GROTON

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lindsay were in St. Johnsbury Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Welch and two children are on the sick list.

Friends of Mrs. Claude Maxfield of West Haven, Conn., are pleased to learn that her condition is more favorable.

Margaret Blanchard and Ruby Clark, the small daughters of L. S. Blanchard and E. E. Clark, are ill with severe colds.

Mrs. E. T. Reynolds left on Saturday for Northfield, having finished work for Mrs. M. J. R. Hall.

Mrs. Richard Dennis returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Sherbrooke, P. Q.

Mrs. Emma J. Clark went to Wells River on Monday for a few days' stay with Mrs. Josephine Clark, whose father, Alexander Cochrane, has been much worse for several days.

Miss Ruth McKay, who is teaching in Topham, was at her home here over Sunday.

A. W. Coffin has finished his duties as juror at county court and came to his home on Saturday.

E. F. Clark left last week for Rutland on an extended business trip.

## WOODBURY

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of East Calais were guests Tuesday of their daughter, Mrs. G. A. Hatch.

Morton Atkinson returned home on Thursday from Camp Devens, having been discharged from the U. S. service, because of a severe stomach trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dana are business visitors in Montpelier.

Mrs. Lizzie Wheeler and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Hardwick were visitors Tuesday of Mrs. H. E. Webber.

Myrtle Davis is working for Mrs. Floyd Blake.

Robert McGill of Danville was a business visitor in town Friday.

Edmund Eddy resumed his court duties in Montpelier Tuesday.

Frank Hood and Gaudin Halmer are cutting wood for C. A. Thomas.

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